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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
HERNDON et al.

Serial No. 09/882,768

Filed: June 15, 2001

For: METHOD FOR SETTING GAPS IN  
HYDRODYNAMIC BEARINGS

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Lam, Thanh

Attorney Docket No.: STL 2989

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED, OCTOBER 4, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 23, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claimed 1-4 have been cancelled.

5. An electric motor comprising:

a base;

a shaft having a first end affixed to the base;

a first thrust bearing affixed to the shaft;

a rotor hub rotatably positioned on said shaft and supported on said first thrust bearing;

a second thrust bearing affixed to the shaft;

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